

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Inland Waterways Users Board

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Defense

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Inland Waterways Users Board

3b. GSA Committee No.

422

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

04/19/2017

6. Expected Renewal Date

04/19/2019

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

33 U.S.C. § 2251

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

33 U.S.C. § 2251

13. Effective Date

11/17/1986

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

1

16b. Report

Date

Report Title

12/31/2017 Inland Waterways Users Board 30th Annual Report to the Secretary of the Army and Congress

Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1

17a. Open 3 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 3

Meetings and Dates

Purpose

Conduct Users Board Meeting #85, to include the status of FY 2018 funding and impacts of the Continuing Resolution, and status of the FY 2019 Budget for the Navigation Program; status of the Inland Waterways Trust Fund and project updates; continuing dissemination of navigation data via AIS, including the Lock Performance Monitoring System (LPMS); status of the construction activities for Olmsted Locks and Dam Project, the Locks and Dams 2, 3, and 4 on the Monongahela River Project, the Chickamauga Lock Project and the Kentucky Lock Project; update of the Upper Ohio River Navigation study; and update of the Brazos River Floodgates and Colorado River Locks Study and "open channel" option.

Start

End

11/03/2017 - 11/03/2017

Conduct Users Board Meeting #86, to include the status of FY 2018 funding and impacts for Navigation; status of the FY 2019 Budget for the Navigation Program; status of the Inland Waterways Trust Fund and project updates; status of the construction activities for Olmsted Locks and Dam Project, the Locks and Dams 2, 3, and 4 on the Monongahela River Project, and the Chickamauga Lock and Kentucky Lock Projects; and status of the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal (IHNC) Lock General Re-evaluation Report.

03/01/2018 - 03/01/2018

Conduct Users Board Meeting #87,, to include the status of the FY 2018 funding work plan for Navigation; status of the FY 2019 Budget for the Navigation Program; Corps Approach to Infrastructure; status of the Inland Waterways Trust Fund and project updates; overview of contingency and risk in Corps cost estimates; status of the construction activities for Olmsted Locks and Dam Project, the Locks and Dams 2, 3, and 4 on the Monongahela River Project, and the Chickamauga Lock and Kentucky Lock Projects. 05/25/2018 - 05/25/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 3

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$283,500.00	\$275,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$18,600.00	\$17,000.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$33,500.00	\$28,000.00
18d. Total	\$350,600.00	\$335,000.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	2.40	2.40

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee is required to report annually to the Secretary of the Army and the U.S. Congress with recommendations on inland waterways investment priorities and funding levels. These annual reports focus on investment prioritization of inland waterways projects, efficient funding in future Federal budgets for domestic spending and infrastructure investment, the ability of the Inland Waterways Trust Fund to fund the non-Federal share of future modernization and rehabilitation costs for the designated inland waterways, and application of sound business principles to develop an affordable investment program. The Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) of 2014 also requires the Users Board to submit advice and recommendations on the budget for each fiscal year.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Committee representative members represent inland waterways transportation service providers (carriers), primary users of these services (shippers), or perform both as a carrier and shipper. Also, they represent a large share of the carrier capacity and the primary and most other types of waterborne commodities moved on the inland waterways system, such as Coal & Coke, Farm & Food, Petroleum and related products. Members are geographically balanced and may also represent trade and regional development organizations. Board recommendations are consensually based on operation experience, waterways traffic and lock utilization, Corps capabilities, and funding realities.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Committee is required to meet semi-annually by law. The Board normally meets three or four times a year, usually in January/February, April/May, July/August, and November/December. The Spring date is to formalize investment recommendations and priorities for inland navigation projects. The Summer meeting is to prepare and analyze information from the President's Budget and Administration testimony. The Fall meeting is to review Congressional actions, budget and appropriations, program direction and project updates. Additional meetings can be called, as needed. Only two meetings were held in both FY12 and FY13 due to issues relating to membership appointments to the committee.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

Federal statute (33 U.S.C. § 2251) requires the Secretary of Defense to establish the committee.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

Meetings are not closed to the public unless the DoD determines that items on the planned agenda meet the closed meeting provisions of 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c). Pursuant to DoD policy closed meetings can only be authorized by the DoD Sponsor, the Secretary of the Army, and only after consultation with the Office of General Counsel for the Department of the Army.

21. Remarks

Representative Organizations and their designated individual to represent the company on the Board were selected effective May 2017, and half of members initially selected in May 2013. Will allow membership to be staggered. Department of Defense (DoD) policy between Fiscal Year 2007 and 2011 required that subcommittee members be listed separately in the subcommittee section of GSA's Database, even if they were duly appointed members of the parent committee. This policy, in some instances, caused a duplication of entries. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2012, DoD will only list in the subcommittee section of GSA's Database those who are appointed to just a subcommittee. If an individual is appointed to the parent committee and to one of the committee's authorized subcommittees then his or her subcommittee affiliation will be reflected in the parent committee membership section of GSA's Database.

Designated Federal Officer

Mark R. Pointon DFO

Committee Members

Start

End

Occupation

Member Designation

Earl, David	05/28/2017	05/27/2019	Manager of Marine Operations	Representative Member
Fewell, Mike	05/28/2017	05/27/2019	Bulk Marine Barge Manager	Representative Member
Hettel, Martin	02/23/2012	05/27/2019	American Commercial Lines, LLC (ACL)	Representative Member
Innis, Robert	06/22/2015	06/21/2019	LafargeHolcim	Representative Member
Konz, David	05/28/2017	05/27/2019	Corporate Risk Manager	Representative Member
Leininger, G. Scott	02/23/2012	05/27/2019	CGB Enterprises, Inc.	Representative Member
Mecklenborg, Daniel	05/28/2013	05/27/2019	Ingram Barge Company	Representative Member
Monahan, Michael	05/28/2017	05/27/2019	President	Representative Member
Parker, Timothy	05/28/2017	05/27/2019	President	Representative Member
Ricketts, C. Matt	05/28/2017	05/27/2019	President and CEO	Representative Member
Woodruff, W. Matthew	05/28/2013	05/27/2019	Kirby Corporation	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 11

Narrative Description

The Committee supports the Navigation Business Function of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Strategic Plan.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

Recommendations made by the advisory Committee focus on the inclusion of inland waterways improvement and modernization projects in the President's Budget for Civil Works rather than trying to obtain cost efficiencies in agency operations.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

165

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Annual Report for 2017 was prepared and is dated December 2017, it contains nine (9) recommendations. Nine (9) recommendations in the 2016 annual report; seven (7) recommendations in the 2015 annual report; nine (9) recommendations in the 2014 annual report; eleven (11) recommendations in the 2013 annual report. The Annual Report for 2012 was prepared and released in December 2012. No recommendations in 2011 because the Board did not have representatives appointed; no Annual Report prepared for 2011. The Annual Report for 2010 was finalized and released in November 2010. Three recommendations in FY 10. 165 since FY 03. Recommendations for this committee are varied, but all address the needs and requirements to sustain and improve our inland waterways.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

80%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Recommendations implemented IAW the needs of and requirements to sustain and modernize our inland waterways. Recommendations are often implemented by specific focus areas or projects. The recommendations are contained in the Annual Report and our compliance is reflected by the inclusion of projects in the President's Budget and its recommended appropriation amount.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

15%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Recommendations made by the advisory Committee in their annual report regarding future projects and funding are often compatible with the agency's budget recommendations. The partial implementation refers to the inclusion of a project recommended by the Committee in the President's Budget, but with a different recommended appropriation amount.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Feedback is provided at every meeting of the Committee.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other



Access Comments

N/A